

## OPINION 1508

### *Simulium austeni* Edwards, 1915 (Insecta, Diptera): not to be given precedence over *Simulium posticum* Meigen, 1838

#### Ruling

(1) It is hereby confirmed that the Principle of Priority is to apply whenever the following specific names are considered synonyms:

- (a) *austeni* Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen *Simulium austeni*;
- (b) *posticum* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia* [sic] *posticata*.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

- (a) *austeni* Edwards, 1915, as published in the binomen *Simulium austeni*;
- (b) *posticum* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia* [sic] *posticata*.

#### History of Case 2560

An application for precedence to be given to *Simulium austeni* Edwards, 1915 over *Simulium posticum* Meigen, 1838 was received from Dr I. A. Rubtsov (Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Leningrad) on 6 March 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 350–351 (December 1986). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. Opposing comments were received from Drs R. W. Crosskey (*British Museum (Natural History), London*) and H. Zwick (*Max-Planck Institut für Limnologie, Schlitz, Fed. Rep. Germany*), published in BZN 44: 129–131 (June 1987), and from Dr M. Ladle and Mr J. A. B. Bass (*Freshwater Biological Association, Wareham, Dorset, U.K.*), published in BZN 44: 257 (December 1987). An opposing comment was also received from Mr D. C. Currie (*Department of Entomology, University of Alberta, Canada*) who pointed out that the senior name *posticum* had been in general use for the pest species known as the 'Blandford fly' since the synonymy with *austeni* was published in 1981.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 March 1988 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 350. At the close of the voting period on 1 June 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 1: Dupuis

Negative votes — 21: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Lehtinen, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Uéno, Willink.

No votes were returned by Bernardi, Gruchy and Trjapitzin.

The proposal to give precedence to the name *austeni* Edwards, 1915 over the name *posticum* Meigen, 1838 was thus not carried.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*austeni*, *Simulium*, Edwards, 1915, *Bulletin of Entomological Research*, 6: 33.

*posticum*, *Simulium*, Meigen, 1838, *Systematische Beschreibung der bekannten europäischen zweiflügeligen Insecten*, vol. 7 (Suppl. vol.), p. 52.